GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3145
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2017
Issue of TPDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in the country is facing massive issues which resulted in failure in distribution, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has recently reduced the State-wise allocation of food distribution through the Fair Price Shops, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether weak monitoring, lack of transparency and inadequate accountability of officials implementing the scheme are reported in the country, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether price charged exceeds the official price by 10 per cent to 14 per cent, if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether it is true that the progress of work of computerization of TPDS is progressing at very slow pace, if so, the reasons therefor;
(f) whether the Government has initiated any action plan to impress upon the States/UTs to speed up the work of computerization of TPDS on war-footing and complete the work in a time bound manner so as to improve the over-all functioning of the TPDS operations in the country; and
(g) whether the pace of Aadhaar seeding with ration cards is very slow, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) to (c): National Food Security Act (NFSA)/Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. Central Government is responsible for procurement, allocation as per NFSA and transportation of such foodgrains upto the designated depots of the Food Corporation of India in the State/UT. The operational responsibilities for lifting and distribution of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of
...2/-
...2...
ration cards to them and supervision over and monitoring of functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) etc. rest with the concerned State/UT Governments. Government of India has not reduced State-wise allocation of foodgrains in contravention of provisions of NFSA.
There have been some complaints/reports from individuals and organizations as well as through press reports relating inter-alia to untimely supply of foodgrains, leakage/diversion, inclusion/exclusion errors, bogus/ineligible ration cards being in circulation, diversion/theft of foodgrains, irregular functioning of FPS. As per provisions of NFSA, all such complaints/grievances are sent to concerned State/UT for redressal. A State/UT-wise statement indicating number of such complaints received during the last three years and current year is at Annex-I.
(d): As per National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), foodgrains are provided to beneficiaries at highly subsidized prices at Rs.3/2/1 for rice, wheat and coarse grains respectively.
(e) to (g): In order to strengthen and streamline TPDS, the Government has initiated implementation of 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations' in the country on cost sharing basis. The cost is being shared on 90:10 basis with North East States and on 50:50 basis with other States/UTs. The Scheme to ensure transparency and check leakages comprises of activities namely, digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, computerisation of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievance redressal mechanisms etc .
Initially the implementation of the project was slow and uneven across the country due to delay in finalization of action plans by States/UTs, late submission of their proposal for financial assistance and practical problems faced during implementation of the project. Due to vigorous efforts and constant monitoring of the project significant progress has been made. The present status of implementation of various activities of the project State-wise is at Annex-II.
As on 31.12.2014, aadhaar seeding with ration cards was below 10% at National Level. As per the reports received from States/UTs, the present Aadhaar seeding with ration cards stands at 76.21% at National Level i.e.17.68 crore ration cards against the total of 23.2 crore ration cards. Further, Aadhar Act in PDS has been notified on 08/02/17 for completion of aadhar seeding with ration cards.
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ANNEX-I
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3145 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.
STATEMENT: COMPLAINTS ON TPDS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS & THROUGH MEDIA REPORTS ETC FROM 2013 TO 2016
S. No.
State/UT
2013
2014
2015

2016
1
Andhra Pradesh
3
4
8
5
2
Arunachal Pradesh
-
1
1
-
3
Assam
-
5
34
32
4
Bihar
32
55
106
81
5
Chhattisgarh
3
3
6
9
6
Delhi
37
78
113
91
7
Goa
-
-
-
1
8
Gujarat
4
16
8
12
9
Haryana
11
26
35
34
10
Himachal Pradesh
-
-
4
5
11
J&K
-
-
5
3
12
Jharkhand
8
16

32
29
13
Karnataka
6
6
16
22
14
Kerala
1
1
16
22
15
Madhya Pradesh
17
7
17
24
16
Maharashtra
20
25
48
62
17
Manipur
2
1
6
4
18
Meghalaya
1
2
7
9
19
Mizoram
-
-
-
-
20
Nagaland
-
3
-
2
21
Orissa
3
8
22
43
22
Punjab
6
5
10
7
23
Rajasthan
18
31
33
59
24
Sikkim
0

-
-
-
25
Tamil Nadu
9
7
22
33
26
Telangana
-
-
10
1
27
Tripura
-
-
-
1
28
Uttarakhand
2
8
24
21
29
Uttar Pradesh
92
137
197
461
30
West Bengal
7
11
32
29
31
A&N Island
-
-
-
1
32
Chandigarh
-
3
6
2
33
D& N Haveli
-
1
-
1
34
Puducherry
-
-
-
-
TOTAL
282
460
818
1106
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ANNEX-II
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (e) to (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3145 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST

MARCH, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.
Present status of implementation of various activities of the project
State-wise
(as on14.03.2017)
Sl.
States/UTs
Digitization of Ration Cards
Aadhaar Seeding in RCs
Online Allocation of Foodgrains
Computerization of Supply-chain Management
Transparency Portal
Online Grievance Redressal
Toll Free Helpline Numbers
Operational ePoS
1
Andhra Pradesh
100
100%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
29,082
2
Chandigarh
100
100%
NA
NA
Yes
Yes
Yes
DBT (Cash)
3
Chhattisgarh
100
97%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
12,171
4
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
100
94%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
62
5
Daman & Diu
100
100%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
51
6
Gujarat
100
91%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes

Yes
Yes
17,077
7
Puducherry
100
100%
NA
NA
Yes
Yes
Yes
DBT (Cash)
8
Jharkhand
100
96%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
20,361
9
Karnataka
100
98%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
3,877
10
Madhya Pradesh
100
87%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
22,409
11
Rajasthan
100
95%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
25,721
12
Tamil Nadu
100
99%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
34,774
13
Telangana
100
100%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes

Yes
1,622
14
Andaman & Nicobar
100
97%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
290
15
Delhi
100
100%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
28
16
Goa
100
89%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
42
17
Haryana
100
91%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
9,427
18
Himachal Pradesh
100
96%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
19
Maharashtra
100
87%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
1,056
20
Odisha
100
86%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes

564
21
Punjab
100
97%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
22
Sikkim
100
72%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
20
23
Tripura
100
92.55%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
-
Yes
25
24
Uttar Pradesh
100
74%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
750
25
Arunachal Pradesh
100
44.50%
-
-
Yes
-
Yes
0
26
Assam
100
0
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
27
Bihar
100
43.15%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
59

28
Jammu and Kashmir
100
62%
Upto TSO
-
Yes
-
Yes
0
29
Kerala
100
98%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
30
Lakshadweep
100
98%
-
NA
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
31
Manipur
100
1.28%
Partial
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
32
Meghalaya
100
0%
-
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
33
Mizoram
100
11.86%
-
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
34
Nagaland
100
6.50%
-
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
35

Uttarakhand
100
90%
Implemented
-
Yes
Yes
Yes
8
36
West Bengal&
100
61%
Implemented
Implemented
Yes
Yes
Yes
0
Total
100%
76.21%
29
20
36
33
36
1,79,476
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